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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 4 and replace with the following new paragraph:

The first aspect of the present invention is directed to a overlapped-sheet detection apparatus provided with a conveying path on which sheets are conveyed, a forwarding roller provided at the conveying path to forward the sheets in a conveying direction, a shifting roller provided opposite to the forwarding roller to shift the sheets back to a reverse direction of the conveying direction if the sheets are overlapped, a motor for supplying the shifting roller with driving torque to shift the sheets back to a reverse direction of the conveying direction, a rotation detection unit for detecting a rotation state of the shifting roller, and a discriminator for judging from an output of the rotation detection unit that the sheets are overlapped, wherein said rotation detection unit includes an encoder and said discriminator compares an output of said encoder with predetermined reference rotation speed and reference time to judge if said sheets are overlapped.